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Performing Rapid Isotopic

Analysis Via Laser Spectroscopy

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated December 3, 2003. The Examiner is requested to enter the following amendments and consider the accompanying remarks. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

An Appendix including amended drawing figures is attached following page 11 of this paper.